

EXHIBIT I

Recrystallization of tiagabine hydrochloride from ethyl acetate

Tiagabine HCl (2.0 gm) is heated at reflux temperature in ethyl acetate (1000 ml), filtered, and washed with Ethyl acetate (50 ml). Ethyl acetate is distilled out keeping about 100 ml remain in the flask. The resulting suspension is stirred at 20-25°C for 1.0 hr, filtered and washed with Ethyl acetate (10 ml). Wet product is sucked dry for 10 minutes and finally dried in an air oven at 50-55°C. The product was light brown in color with a blue tinge.